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1. BRITISH DATT CONFIRMED TO US FEB 19 THAT USSR HAS AGREED
GIVE TWELVE NEW MIG 17 AIRCRAFT (10 COMBAT AND 2 TRAINERS)
TO SUDAN. INTITIAL FIVE AIRCRAFT ARRIVED PORT SUDAN IN EARLY
FEBRUARY. (COMMENT. SUDANESECIR FORCE IN PAST
HAS USED CHINESE VERSION OF MIG 17).

2. ACCORDING SOURCE, CHINESE TECHNICIANS CURRENTLY SERVICING
THEIR MIG 17S AT WADI SAYDNA MILITARY AIRFIELD NORTH OF KHARTOUM
WALKED OFF THE JOB ON LEARNING OF FOREGOING SOVIET GIFT. THEY
WERE ONLY PREVAILED UPON RETURN TO WORK FOLLOWING PERSONAL
INTERVENTION CHINESE AMBASSADOR.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS MOST CONCRETE REPORT EMBASSY HAS
SO FAR SEEN OF EVIDENT RENEWED SOVIET INTEREST IN PROVIDING
FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO SUDANESE AIR FORCE. WHILE OUR INFO
SUGGESTS THAT THE ABOVE SOVIET GIFT HAS ALREADY BEEN
FINALIZED, PROPOSED VISIT TO RUSSIA BY SUDANESE ARMED
FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF (REFTEL) WOULD, IF IT MATERIALIZES,
WELL BE RELATED TO OTHER MILITARY ASSISTANCE. BREWER

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